

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
CRIMINAL DIVISION
DEPUTY CHIEF, DOMESTIC SECURITY SECTION
GS-15**

Are you an experienced trial attorney who is looking for a different kind of challenge? Are you a criminal prosecutor who has been looking for an opportunity to move to an action oriented environment that focuses on national security issues? In addition to prosecuting complex cases, are you interested in policy issues and international work? If so, we encourage you to consider a position with the Criminal Division's Domestic Security Section (DSS).

About the Section: With responsibilities that have a strong international component, DSS prosecutes cases, develops and implements policy initiatives, and provides expertise to the field and Department leadership in a wide variety of areas, including immigration crime, violent crime, and human rights abuses.

DSS's litigation work focuses on international, multi-district and precedent setting cases. It includes complex prosecutions involving international human smuggling organizations, particularly those that may facilitate terrorist travel.

DSS's policy work focuses on such priority law enforcement areas as human smuggling, organized immigration fraud, anti-gang work, Project Safe Neighborhoods.

We work with other parts of the Department, other agencies, other countries, and international organizations to develop and implement initiatives to fight organized human smuggling, cross-border gun trafficking, international gangs, and human rights abuses.

**Responsibilities and
Opportunities Offered:**

DSS is seeking an experienced criminal prosecutor to serve as a Deputy Chief. We seek candidates who are mission-oriented, have high energy, are team players, and can be both collaborative and independent. Working closely with the Section Chief and other Deputy Chief, the incumbent's responsibilities will include supervising cases and playing a leadership role in the development, implementation and coordination of multi-district, international and other initiatives in furtherance of the Section's mission. The incumbent will also be responsible for preparing briefing materials, reports and memoranda for the DSS Chief, the Assistant Attorney General of the Criminal Division, and other senior Department leaders. The incumbent will assist in the effective management of personnel and the efficient use of resources to accomplish the Section's objectives. The Deputy Chief will supervise about ten persons.

Qualifications:

Applicants must have a J.D. degree, a strong academic background, excellent interpersonal skills, and prosecution/litigation experience. They must be admitted to practice before the bar of a U.S. jurisdiction, be an active member of that bar, and have at least five (5) years post-graduation experience. Applicants must also have, or be eligible for, a Top Secret Clearance and access to Sensitive Compartmented Information. Upon accepting an offer of employment, applicants must make a three-year commitment to the Criminal Division. Language skills, particularly Spanish, helpful.

In addition, the ideal candidate will:

- have extensive federal prosecutorial experience handling complex cases, particularly the ability to identify and guide the resolution of difficult litigation issues, in the relevant substantive areas;

- enjoy influencing policy development in complex fields with competing interests;
- have proven leadership and management skills, including a record of strong initiative;
- thrive being challenged by multiple and diverse demands and have a demonstrated ability to set priorities;
- be a leader, within the Section and within the larger community, who can develop a vision, and work with others to implement that vision;
- be able to assess the strengths and weaknesses of others and leverage identified strengths to obtain positive results;
- have excellent judgment and the ability to handle highly charged issues;
- have an understanding of, and sensitivity to, the political and cross-cultural nuances inherent in working with foreign governments;
- have strong interpersonal skills with a particular emphasis on relationship and team building; and,
- possess strong oral, writing and organizational skills.

Travel: Domestic and international travel will be required.

Salary: Current salary and years of experience will determine the appropriate salary level within a GS-15 (\$107,521 - \$139,774).

Location: Washington, D.C.

Submission Process and Deadline: Applicants must submit:

- a cover letter that highlights the applicant's interest in the position and addresses in detail how they meet the delineated qualifications;
- a resume;
- a list of at least three professional references, preferably recent ones that are intimately familiar with the candidate's work (references will not be contacted without prior notification to the candidate);
- a short writing sample or part of a longer writing sample (not to exceed 10 pages). The writing sample should be exclusively or primarily the applicant's work, and should include legal analysis; and,
- a copy of the applicant's most recent performance appraisal if applicant is currently a federal employee.

Applicants are encouraged to submit these materials through e-mail by forwarding their application to dssjobs@usdoj.gov. Application materials may also be forwarded by express or regular mail, or by fax, to:

U.S. Department of Justice
Criminal Division
Domestic Security Section
950 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Room 6746
Washington, D.C. 20530
Attn: DSS Jobs
Fax: (202) 616-5748

Please note that internal security measures related to the processing of correspondence may affect the timely receipt of applications submitted by the use of regular postal service.

No telephone calls please. This position will be open until filled, but applications must be **received by the Section** no later than **June 2, 2006.**

The U.S. Department of Justice is an Equal Opportunity/Reasonable Accommodation Employer. It is the policy of the Department to achieve a drug-free workplace and the person selected will therefore be required to pass a drug test to screen for illegal drug use prior to final approval. Employment is also contingent upon the satisfactory completion of a background investigation adjudicated by the Department of Justice.

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